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TAGS: ENRG, CG, ZA

SUBJ: LOOMING POWER DEFICIT

REF: LUBUMBASHI A-02 OF FEB 5, '73

1. ZAMBIA APRIL 4 INFORMED SHABA ELECTRICITY OFFICIALS THAT BECAUSE KAFUE RIVER FLOW TO DATE SIMILAR TO WORST YEAR ON RECORD (1921) IT NOW UNLIKELY THAT ZAMBIA WILL BE ABLE TO EXPORT ELECTRICITY TO SHABA THIS YEAR. IN TELEGRAM ZAMBIAN AUTHORITIES ALSO STATED THAT WITHOUT EXCEPTIONAL LATE RAINS IN KAFUE CATCHMENT, THERE WILL BE DIFFICULTY MEETING ZAMBIA/ RHODESIA SYSTEM ENERGY REQUIREMENTS IN OVERALL PERIOD APRIL/ NOVEMBER. SITUATION AGGRAVATED BY RESTRICTED OUTPUT FROM VICTORIA FALLS STATION ARISING FROM LOW FORECAST ZAMBEZI FLOW. IT IS NOT YET KNOWN WHETHER ZAMBIA WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ELECTRICITY IN 1974.

2. ALTHOUGH AT FEBRUARY MEETING ZAMBIAN POWER COMMISSION HAD AGREED TO SUPPLY 150 GWH( MILLION KILOWATTS HOURS) TO SHABA THIS YEAR, LATEST DECISION WORSENS ALREADY GLOOMY POWER OUTLOOK SHABA WILL EXPERIENCE OVER 300 GWH DIFICIT THIS YEAR WHICH NOW SEEMS  
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MUST BE DRAWN ENTIRELY FROM RESERVIORS. DRAWDOWN CAN BE  
READILY HANDLED THIS YEAR BUT MIGHT BE MORE CRITICALLY NEEDED  
IN TWO- THREE YEARS.

3. AIRGRAM FOLLOWS.

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